

COMMANDER OF
AUSTRIAN SUB
WAS PUNISHED

Reply to American Note Says
He Failed to Take Into
Consideration the Panic
Aboard the Ancona.

AGREES TO UPHOLD THE
LAWS OF HUMANITY

Gives Assurances That Mer-
chant Ships Will Not be
Sunk Till Passengers
Have Chance to Escape.

VIENNA, via Amsterdam and Lon-
don, Dec. 31.—Belief is expressed in
Austrian official circles that a future
with the United States over the
sinking of the Ancona has been
avoided by the concessions contained
in the Austrian reply to the sec-
ond American note.

But while the Austrian reply may
result in a continuance of the cordial
relations between this country and
the United States, it has intensified
the feeling on the part of those who
were opposed to a conciliatory reply.

However, in view of the dangers
which beset the central powers it is
declared that those who were
strongest in their opposition to any
concessions in the Ancona affair are
ready to bury their differences in the
cause of patriotism.

Agrees With U. S.
Baron Burián, the foreign minis-
ter, makes it plain that Austria-
Hungary agrees with the United
States that the laws of humanity
must be upheld and the other pledges
given are such, it is believed, as will
meet the approval of President Wilson.

The chief points of the reply fol-
low:

(1.) The Austro-Hungarian govern-
ment agrees with the United
States that the laws of humanity
must be upheld;

(2.) The reply gives assurances
that enemy merchant ships shall not
be destroyed until the passengers
have been given an opportunity to
escape;

(3.) Austria-Hungary desires to
maintain friendly relations with the
United States;

(4.) The Austrian foreign office
now regards the Ancona affair as
closed up and the incident closed;

(5.) The Austro-Hungarian govern-
ment stands ready to indemnify
American citizens affected by the
sinking of the Ancona;

(6.) The commander of the sub-
marine which sank the Ancona has
been punished "for neglecting to
take sufficiently into consideration
the panic among the passengers
which rendered disembarkation more
difficult."

"This in effect is a disavowal of
the act."
(7.) The entire loss of life can-
not be attributed in the first in-
stance to the sinking of the vessel
by the submarine.

Point Number Seven is based
upon the contention of the Austrian
foreign office that the Ancona low-
ered several boats while the ship
was under way which caused them
to capsize.

In its review of the sinking of
the Ancona, the foreign office says
that the steamer sank so slowly that
the commander of the submarine at
first doubted whether the ship
would go down.

Had Chance to Escape.
During the 45 minutes that the

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TOOK FOOD FROM
AMERICAN VESSEL

CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 31.—The
American steamship Petrolite of the
Standard Oil Co.'s fleet, under com-
mand of Capt. H. B. Thompson, ar-
rived at Marcus today with a
thrilling story of how the ship was
attacked by an Austrian submarine
on Dec. 5, one day out of Alexan-
dria, Egypt.

Several shots were fired at the
American ship, despite the fact that
the captain of the Petrolite swung
his ship around broadsides at the
second shot, displaying a 6 1/2-foot
U. S. A. star and a large American
flag at the main mast top. The Aus-
trian craft maneuvered for a better
position and continued its shell fire,
one shot tearing a great hole in the
side of the ship. Fred Larsen, a seaman,
was struck by fragments of the
shell and injured.

The Austrians demanded food,
but Capt. Thompson declined to
give them any, saying that he need-
ed all he had. The Austrian com-
mander insisted and one of the sail-
ors of the Petrolite was held hostage
until food was produced. The crew
of the Austrian war craft was ap-
parently comprised of Germans,

City is Prepared
To Welcome New
Year At Midnight

A few more hours and 1915 will
be mere history while 1916 will be
a bustling, bustling, healthy young-
ster.

The new year is going to get a
warm welcome tonight. The tooting
of whistles and horns at midnight,
the usual feature, will greet the
newcomer, but gay parties will be
more numerous this year than in
the past.

Reservations have been made at
restaurants and space is now at a
premium. Few tables at the Oliver
were to be had today, while a num-
ber of other restaurants report all
tables taken.

The past year has been a good
one in many ways and many people
will bid 1915 farewell with a re-
membrance of numerous blessings.

BASKET BALL LEAGUE
FORMED BY AMATEURS

Meeting For Purpose of Organizing
Will be Held Next Thurs-
day Night.

South Bend's first organized bas-
ket ball league is expected to start
about Jan. 15, following a meeting
of representatives of nine teams
with the executive committee of the
St. Joseph County Amateur Ath-
letic federation at the high school
next Thursday night. At that time
it is expected to form a permanent
organization and make out a sched-
ule.

Teams that will be in the league
are the Holy Name societies of St.
Patrick's and St. Joseph's churches,
the Z. B. B. Amateur Athletic club,
the Phi Delta Kappa fraternity,
Laurel school, Kaley school, Stude-
baker school and the Sample at
school. Games will be played at the
following places: Z. B. hall, St. Pat-
rick's gymnasium, Laurel school,
Kaley school, Studebaker school,
Sample st. community center in the
Bousher building, high school and
the Commercial Athletic club.

NEW TRIAL IS ASKED

Defendant Seeks Rehearing of
Building Collapse Case.

Atty. Arthur L. Hubbard coun-
sel for the defense in the dam-
age suit of Long Mye vs. the In-
dependent Five and Ten Cent store,
filed a motion in superior court Fri-
day for a new trial. An adverse
decision to the Five and Ten Cent
store was rendered by a jury last
month, damages of more than
\$2,500 being awarded to Mye.

Chinese restaurant proprietor, for
damages to his business he sustain-
ed in the collapse of the building at
115-117 S. Michigan st., on Jan. 3,
1914. The jury held that the re-
moval of a partition done at the
direction of the Independent co.,
was responsible for the collapse.

Other similar suits pending for
damages against the corporation
have been venued to Laporte.

CUPID WAS A BUSY
PARTY PAST YEAR

Figures For 1915 Show an Increase
of 106 Over
1914.

Matrimony went up by leaps and
bonds over last year according to
the number of marriage licenses
issued from the county clerk's office.
The total number issued up until
Thursday night was 992, an increase
of 106 over last year when only 886
licenses were issued. The banner
year was 1,057 issued in 1913. Next
year promises to bring a rich har-
vest into the matrimonial market,
being leap year.

St. Joseph county folk like hunt-
ing if the number of permits is-
sued by the county clerk is any
sign. There were just 1,565 resi-
dent permits taken out and one non-
resident license. The prevalence of
wild fowl and game of all sorts this
year is believed to be the reason for
the large number of permits issued.

ONE DELIVERY SATURDAY

Holiday Schedule Will Prevail at
the Postoffice.

Regular holiday schedules will
prevail at the postoffice on Saturday.
New Year's day. There will be one
regular delivery in the residence
section and the down town carriers
will make two morning deliveries.
The regular holiday collections will
be made in the business district.

There will be no rural delivery,
but one carrier will be at the post-
office from 8 o'clock to 10 o'clock
to care for the country mail and to
attend to rural patrons. The stamp,
general delivery and registry win-
dows will be open until 10 o'clock,
while the money order and postal
savings departments will be closed
all day.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Jake De Crocker, blacksmith,
Scots, Mich.; Bessie Matson, Hast-
ings, Mich.
Frank L. Foley, mechanic; Lelia
E. Hulen.

Allen Russell Troupe, metal mix-
er; Gladys Mary Leibhardt.

BANK DEPOSITS
FOR YEAR SHOW
BIG INCREASE

Will Exceed Those of 1914 by
Million and Half Dollars.

Business Good in
All Lines.

MERCHANTS' ACCOUNTS
GROW AT RAPID RATE

War Puts Men to Work on
New Lines, But Prosper-
ity is Not Due to Eu-
ropean Orders.

Total deposits for the year 1915
will exceed those of 1914 by over a
million and a half dollars, accord-
ing to Myron Campbell, president
of the South Bend Clearing House
association. Figures available at
this time show deposits, according
to November statements of South
Bend banks, to be upwards to \$13-
500,000, while a year ago, at the
same time, deposits were given at
\$12,021,826.47.

Business in all lines is better this
year, declares Mr. Campbell who is
in a position to know financial facts
from angles. And it is not so much
because of the war, says the South
Bend man, but owing greatly to a
psychological state, as well as of a
strictly material cause and effect
which is encountered every so often.

"There are periodical periods of
depression," said Mr. Campbell in
comparing conditions of this year
and a year ago. "Over production is
responsible, and one finds that when
the manufacturers get rid of their
surplus stocks, business booms
again. It is the rise and fall of pro-
duction and is governed by the man-
ufacturers themselves.

Not the Sole Cause.
"Periodical financial depressions
have been common as long as I have
been in business and longer, surely.
Of course, the war has put men
to work on lines formerly imported
in this country; war orders have
helped considerably,—but they are
not the sole cause of the present
prosperity and the prosperity of
1915, by any means. As to the psy-
chological part of it, less work for
the relief committees to do, fewer
unemployed, and other things along
this line, cause an optimism hard to
combat in talking against prosper-
ity."

That the deposits of South Bend's
merchants have grown at a rapid
rate the past year was a statement
made. This means a great deal:
Prosperity in other lines; plenty of
work and wages ample for the pur-
chasing of goods; large factory or-
ders making war and longer, sur-
plus, but far from east, bumper
conditions in the rural communities,
which, if any, had a reason to suffer
from the weather of last summer.

Lost on Corn Crop.
St. Joseph county agriculturists
did lose to a great extent on their
corn crops, this due to the cold
weather of the summer and a fail-
ure of ripening. However, the soft-
ness of some of the corn caused lit-
tle financial unrest in comparison
with the success of other crops. "St.
Joseph county farmers have no rea-
son to feel other than prosperous,"
said Mr. Campbell.

"Deposits are indicative of better
business everywhere," said Mr.
Campbell. "Money is plentiful and
there is not the trouble borrowing
that we found a year ago. This
means a great deal to the investor,
large and small, and to the mer-
chant with the heavy stock on his
hands."

One item of South Bend's savings

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POSSE AND NEGROES
IN BATTLE; 7 KILLED

BLAKELY, Ga., Dec. 31.—Two
negroes were burned to death and
five shot and killed during the night
in a series of clashes growing out
of efforts of a posse of white men
to round up the slayers of Henry Vil-
liger, a plantation owner near here.
Villiger had been shot from amb-
ush.

Rewards of \$100 each were offered
for Grandson Goolsby and his sons,
Mike and Ulysses. Several pos-
ses with dogs took up the chase.

Early in the round up Early High-
tower and James Barton, relatives
of Goolsby, were killed by one posse.
Goolsby and his sons were found
locked in a cabin by Sheriff Howell
and a posse. The negroes fired,
wounding two white men. Four
negroes tried a dash for freedom.
Goolsby and two others were shot
dead.

The sheriff ordered the cabin fired.
One negro was burned to death
here. Later the survivor of the four
who tried to run away was surround-
ed in another cabin and burned.

WILL REBUILD.

BRISTOL, Tenn., Dec. 31.—Plans
for rebuilding Sullin's college for
girls, which burned to the ground
late yesterday, were taken up today.

SUB IS SUNK.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—The French
submarine Monge has been sunk in
the Adriatic.

SEND PROTEST.

BERLIN (by wireless), Dec. 31.—
Greece has made a second and
stronger protest to the entente pow-
ers against the erection of fortifi-
cations about Salonika, according to
reports received from Athens today.

TRAIN DITCHED.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—The
Santa Fe passenger train No. 9, from
Chicago, was wrecked at Pomeona,
40 miles from here, today. Several
cars were ditched but no one was in-
jured, according to first reports
from the scene of the wreck.

Killed By Bandits in Hold Up



HENRY MUESSEL.

Both Winner
And Loser Will
Blame the U. S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The
United States will be blamed for
the loss of the European war, and
the successful nations will claim that
they won in spite of the United
States, Director Gen. John Barrett
declared today before the educa-
tional section of the Pan-American
scientific congress.

All America must be prepared to
resist European nations in this hemi-
sphere, once the present war is
settled, he said. Barrett backed up
the suggested plan for a Pan-Ameri-
can military and naval organiza-
tion by the statement that aggres-
sion and violation of the Monroe
Doctrine of the nations of this hemi-
sphere must present a solid front,
in order to preserve their integrity.

"If a foreign foe were to destroy
the integrity of the United States,"
said Mr. Barrett, "it would be only a
question of time when that foe
would also destroy the sovereignty
of every other American republic."

In turn there is no doubt what-
ever that if any foreign foe ever
succeeded in extending its dominion
over a considerable part of Latin
America and if the nations of Latin
America should become dependen-
cies, it would inevitably follow that
the United States would meet the
same fate because no foreign foe
could achieve such a result except
by victory over the United States."

IRISH COMEDIAN IS DEAD

Joe Murphy Leaves Estate Valued at
Three Million.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—"Joe"
Murphy, old time Irish comedian,
died in this city today, leaving an
estate valued at \$3,000,000. Murphy
was known from coast to coast for
his work in "The Kerry Gow," "The
Shaughraun," and other Irish plays.
He was 83 years old.

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CRUISER NATAL
IS DESTROYED
BY EXPLOSION

British Vessel is Sunk While
in Port—Four Hundred
Survivors Are Report-
ed by Admiralty.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The British
cruiser Natal has been sunk as the
result of an explosion on board, it
was officially announced today by
the admiralty.

The Natal was in port when she
was destroyed.
In the official statement the ad-
miralty described the cause of sink-
ing as an "internal explosion." The
Natal was a vessel of 13,550 tons.

Her armaments consisted of the
following: Six nine-inch guns, singly
in turrets, three forward and three
aft, four 7.5-inch guns, singly in
turrets amidships between the main
turrets, 24 three-pounders, two ma-
chine guns and three 18-inch tor-
pedo tubes.

Her crew consisted of 704 men.
The Natal was built at Barrow-
in-Furness in 1904. She carried
Krupp armor and had a maximum
speed of 23.5 knots.

She was recommissioned at Sher-
ness in 1912 after being reoutfitted.
The official statement of the ad-
miralty which was issued through
the press bureau follows:

"His Majesty's ship Natal, an
armored cruiser commanded by Capt.
Eric P. Black, R. N., sunk yester-
day afternoon while in the harbor
as the result of an internal explosion.
Four hundred survivors are reported."

ROME, Dec. 31.—According to
news from a neutral source the bulk
of available Turkish troops are being
concentrated on the Greco-Bulgari-
an frontier to cooperate with the
Austro-Germans in the forthcoming
attack on Salonika.

LATEST IN THE NEWS WORLD

PARIS, Dec. 31.—A Bucharest
dispatch received here today states
that Russian cruisers have estab-
lished a blockade of the Black sea
coast of Roumania and Bulgaria.
No reason for this action against
Roumania is given.

TROOPS LANDED.

BERLIN (by wireless via Say-
ville), Dec. 31.—The Milan, Italy,
Seco reports that British troops
have landed in Greece near Kavala.
According to the Overseas News
agency.

Central Powers
Are Ready to
Discuss Peace

ROME, Dec. 31.—The Tribune
prints an anonymous interview with
"an exalted personage," in which
Pope Benedict XV is quoted as say-
ing:

"If the entente powers were will-
ing peace negotiations could begin
tomorrow."
The author of the interview de-
clared that the pontiff gave utter-
ance to that expression a few days
after the recent consistory. At that
time Pope Benedict said he was de-
termined to continue his efforts for
peace despite their futility up to
date.

The pontiff was credited with the
statement that the central powers
had subscribed their willingness to
accept mediation by the vatican but
the papal overtures were flatly re-
jected by England, France and
Russia.

GREEK SHIP IS MISSING

Whereabouts of Thessalonika is
Proving Mystery.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The
whereabouts of the long overdue
Greek steamer Thessalonika, with
300 passengers on board, became so
much of a mystery today as to
create alarm for her safety.

Two other liners and the coast
guard cutter Seneca were still
searching for the Greek ship with-
out finding her.

Although the Thessalonika had re-
ported by wireless yesterday that
she was slowly making her way to-
ward port, the absence of further
advices from her has increased ap-
prehension.

SALONIKA DEFENSES
PRAISED BY GENERAL

PARIS, Dec. 31.—Gen. Castelnau,
chief of the French general staff,
who went to Salonika to confer with
the Anglo-French commanders and
inspect the allies' defenses, has re-
turned to France fully satisfied that
the Bulgarian and German can-
never dislodge the allies from their
positions in Greece.

While in Rome on his way to
France Gen. Castelnau gave out an
interview in which he declared that
the German allies would suffer tre-
mendous losses of life if they at-
tacked at Salonika. One of the gen-
eral's aides supplemented the inter-
view by saying:

"An offensive by the Bulgarian
and German forces in Greece would
cost them at least 150,000 men."

The Salonika correspondent of the
Matin reports that the allies are
constructing defensive works all the
way from Salonika to the Gulf of
Orphane, 50 miles to the east. The
defenders at Salonika are divided
into two sectors, the French holding
the left and the English the right.

There are now 190,000 allied
troops in Greece, 100,000 of them
French and 90,000 of them English.

TWO MEN KILLED, THIRD
WOUNDED BY BANDITS; 6
SUSPECTS IN CUSTODY

Police Are Making Wide
Search For Murderers of
Henry Muesel and Frank
Chrobot, Driver.

WILLIAM MUESSEL IS
EXPECTED TO RECOVER

Two Men Are Expected to be
Captured at Indianapolis
Today—Blood Hounds
Find No Trail.

REWARD OF \$500
OFFERED BY ELKS.

A reward of \$500 for the ar-
rest and conviction of the mur-
derers of Henry Muesel and
Frank Chrobot was offered Fri-
day by the South Bend lodge No.
235, B. P. O. E., of which Mues-
el was a member. This reward
may be raised to \$1,000.

A special meeting of the ex-
ecutive board of the lodge was
held Friday noon at which time
arrangements were made for the
reward.

WILL RECOVER.

At Epworth hospital, late this af-
ternoon it was reported that William
Muesel is resting comfortably.
He is thought to be entirely out of
danger and unless unexpected com-
plications set in he will recover.
Mrs. J. B. Berteling, J. W. Hill and
Earl Wagner are attending him.

With but one clue which appears
to have any strength the police de-
partment is working feverishly in
an attempt to capture the two band-
its who shot and killed Henry
Muesel, office manager of the Mues-
sel Brewing Co., Frank Chrobot,
truck driver, and seriously wounded
William Muesel assistant office
manager, at the brewing company
offices shortly after 5 o'clock last
night.

Six men have been arrested as
suspects while two others will prob-
ably be taken by the Indianapolis
police this afternoon. Although a
bloodhound was put upon the trail of
the bandit-slayers this morning, the
animal failed to hold the scent and
the officers gave up this hope.

Working on Clue.
All right long Chief of Detectives
John Kuespert with a detail of of-
ficers scoured the country in the
vicinity of Crumstown where it was
reported two men, one colored, had
attempted to steal a buggy. The
men could not be found but their
descriptions suited that of the men
who killed Muesel and Chrobot.

The detectives returned here at
breakfast time, worked on a num-
ber of other clues and just before
noon again left for Crumstown
where further investigation re-
vealed nothing new.

Herman Bowlin was arrested at
Niles and brought here at noon. He
proved such a strong alibi that Chief
Kuespert declared the police could
not hold him. Two men held in
Laporte were also questioned by the
police and although they are still
in jail Kuespert says they are not
the bandits. Early this morning the
Indianapolis police were notified to
arrest two men who boarded a train
bound for the capital. Kuespert ex-
pected to hear from these men this
afternoon.

Case is Puzzling.
"This case is exceedingly puzz-
ling," declared Kuespert just be-
fore noon. "Every available clue has
run down one of the first things we
must decide upon is whether this
was done by local or outside talent.
I believe it was the work of outside
talent, although there are a many
reasons to think that it might have
been done by South Bend men."

Although Robert Muesel, the 13-
year-old young man who was found
by the bandits and the only person
in the office to escape their bullets,
does not think that any cause was
given the robbers to shoot, the po-
lice are of the opinion that Chro-
bot, who was a large powerful man,
made an attempt to get the gun
away from one of the robbers. This
they believe provoked the shooting.
In the fight between Chrobot and
the bandit, part of the robber's coat
and neck, black hat and wig were
torn off.

Gives Story of Shooting.

According to Robert's story he
met the bandits just as he started
from the office door. They ordered
him back into the office and then
put Chrobot, William and Henry
Muesel and himself into a small
room behind the main office. He
was told to lay face downward on
the floor. When he did so he was
bound. Just as the robbers finished
tying his feet the shooting began.

Coroner T. J. Swantz and Pros.
C. R. Montgomery secured a state-

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Robert Muesel
Tells of Shooting

Robert Muesel's story is as fol-
lows:

"I was going home when the rob-
bers came. I was just going down
the steps when one of the fellows
shoved two revolvers in front of
me and said:

"You had better get back in
there."
"They backed me into the build-
ing. Henry and William were then
standing in the main office. Frank
Chrobot was out in the drivers'
room, turning in his money. Just as
soon as they got me in the room
one of them yelled:

"Put up your hands, every d—n
one of you!"

"Henry and William both put up
their hands and I suppose Chrobot
did, too, but I couldn't see him from
where I stood. Then one of them
backed me into the main office,
while the other one boldly walked
around and pulled down all of the
curtains.

Robert Is Bound.

"They ordered us all into the
drivers' room and told us to sit
down. They said they were going to
tie us all up and I was the first one
to be bound. They told me to lie
down on my stomach in the middle
of the floor. I did and they tied
my feet. From then on I couldn't
see anything that happened, but I
heard everything until I got out the
door. I don't see how I ever escaped
without being shot."

T